

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated 5 December 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-3, 5, 7-13 and 15-24. Claims 25, 27, 30 and 34 were rejected. Claims 6, 14, 26, 28, 29, 31-33 were objected to. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Objection to claims

Claims 6 and 14 were objected to because of the following informalities. In these claims, the definitions of a and b should have been $0.001 < a \leq 0.5$, and $0.001 < b \leq 0.3$. Claim 33 was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 29. Claims 26, 28, 29, 31 and 32 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims.

Claims 6 and 14 have been amended to incorporate the correct definitions of a and b as pointed out by the Examiner. Also, the definition of a and b, in claim 25 has been changed. The dependency of claim 33 has been changed to claim 31 based on Examiner's suggestion.

In view of these changes, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6, 14, 26, 28, 29, 31-33 are allowable and respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the objections to the claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 25, 27, 30 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The Examiner's observation that the term "comprising" as used in claim 25, is broader in scope than the originally disclosed Markush terminology, has been taken into account and claim 25 has been amended. The term "comprising" has been changed to "consisting of" in this claim.

The dependency of claim 27 has been changed to claim 26 as per the Examiner's suggestion.

The Examiner rejected claim 30 based on antecedent basis and suggested that the claim 30 should depend from claim 27. Applicants would like to point out that in fact claim 30 depends from claim 27.

Claim 34 has been cancelled.

In view of these changes Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 25 and claims 27 and 30 depending therefrom are allowable and respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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